

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

NORDIC SAUNA, LLC,  
Plaintiff(s),  
vs.  
NORDICA SAUNA, LLC, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

Case No:  
2:25-cv-05713-JAK-PVC

**ORDER SETTING RULE 16(b)/26(f)  
SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

**Hearing: Under Submission / No Hearing**

**Joint Report Due: October 20, 2025**

This case has been assigned to Judge John A. Kronstadt. This Order applies to all parties in this action, whether or not they are represented by counsel. "Counsel," as used in this Order, also refers to parties who are representing themselves. If plaintiff has not already served the complaint (or any amendment thereto) on each defendant, plaintiff shall promptly do so and file proofs of service within three (3) days thereafter. Defendant(s) also shall timely serve and file their responsive pleadings and file proofs of service within three (3) days thereafter.

The Court is prepared to issue a scheduling order in this matter. If a hearing is necessary, the scheduling conference will be held on the date listed in the caption. The conference will be held pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a). The parties are reminded of their obligations under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) to disclose information

1 (without awaiting a discovery request) and under Rule 26(f) to confer on a discovery plan  
2 not later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the scheduling conference and to file a report  
3 with the Court entitled "Joint Rule 16(b)/26(f) Report" not later than ten (10) calendar days  
4 before the date set for the scheduling conference. If a hearing is not necessary, a date  
5 for the scheduling conference will not be set. The caption of this Order will state that the  
6 hearing is taken under submission and a hearing will not be held. The date for the filing of  
7 the Joint Rule 16(b)/26(f) Report will be included. Please comply with these requirements;  
8 it will simplify the Scheduling Conference.

9 The Court encourages counsel to begin to conduct discovery actively before the  
10 Scheduling Conference. The Court encourages prompt, early discovery because at the  
11 Scheduling Conference the Court will set firm deadlines to complete discovery. The  
12 parties shall comply fully with the letter and spirit of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) and thereby  
13 obtain and produce most of what would be produced in the early stage of discovery.  
14 Discovery is not stayed prior to the Scheduling Conference or after dates have been  
15 set unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

16 **1. Joint Rule 16(b)/26(f) Report**

17 The Joint Rule 16(b)/26(f) Report shall be drafted by plaintiff's counsel (unless the  
18 parties agree otherwise or unless plaintiff is self-represented, in which case defendant's  
19 counsel), but shall be submitted and signed jointly. "Jointly" contemplates a single report,  
20 regardless of how many separately-represented parties there are. The Joint Rule  
21 16(b)/26(f) Report shall report on all matters enumerated below, which include those  
22 required to be discussed by Rule 26(f) and [Local Rule 26](#). The Joint Rule 16(b)/26(f)  
23 Report should set forth the following information under section headings corresponding to  
24 those in this Order:

- 25 a. Statement of the Case: A short synopsis (not to exceed two (2) pages) of the main  
26 claims, counterclaims, and affirmative defenses.
- 27 b. Subject Matter Jurisdiction: A statement of the specific basis of federal jurisdiction,  
28 including supplemental jurisdiction.

- 1 c. Legal Issues: A brief description of the key legal issues, including any unusual  
2 substantive, procedural or evidentiary issues.
- 3 d. Parties, and Non-Party Witnesses: A list of parties and percipient witnesses on  
4 the main issues in the case. For conflict purposes, corporate parties must identify all  
5 subsidiaries, parents and affiliates.
- 6 e. Damages: The realistic range of provable damages.
- 7 f. Insurance: Whether there is insurance coverage.
- 8 g. Motions: A statement of the likelihood of motions seeking to add other parties or  
9 claims, file amended pleadings or transfer venue.
- 10 h. Manual for Complex Litigation: Whether all or part of the procedures of the Manual  
11 for Complex Litigation should be utilized.
- 12 i. Status of Discovery: A discussion of the present state of discovery, including a  
13 summary of completed discovery.
- 14 j. Discovery Plan: A detailed discovery plan, as contemplated by Rule 26(f), including  
15 the identity of all anticipated deponents and dates by which their depositions are to be  
16 completed (if possible), anticipated written discovery requests, including requests for  
17 admission, document requests, and interrogatories, and a schedule for completion of  
18 all discovery. State what, if any, changes in the disclosures under Rule 26(a) should be  
19 made, the subjects on which discovery may be needed and whether discovery should be  
20 conducted in phases or limited in some manner, whether applicable limitations should be  
21 changed or other limitations imposed, and whether the Court should enter other orders.  
22 Please note that a statement to the effect that discovery will be conducted as to all claims  
23 and defenses, will not satisfy this requirement.
- 24 k. Discovery Cut-Off: A proposed discovery cut-off date. This means the final day for  
25 completion of non-expert discovery, including resolution of all discovery motions. The last  
26 day to hear discovery motions shall be the same as the last day to hear all motions.

27 See Exhibit C-1.

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- 1 l. Expert Discovery: Proposed dates for expert witness disclosures (initial and rebuttal)  
2 and expert discovery cut-off under Rule 26(a)(2).
- 3 m. Dispositive Motions: A description of the issues or claims that any party believes  
4 may be determined by motion for summary judgment or motion in limine.
- 5 n. Settlement: A statement of what settlement discussions or written communications  
6 have occurred (excluding any disclosure or discussion of the substantive matters or terms  
7 discussed) and a statement pursuant to [Local Rule 16-15.4](#) about selecting a settlement  
8 mechanism under that Rule. In light of the Court's participation in the ADR Program, no  
9 case will proceed to trial unless all parties with full authority to settle the case - including,  
10 as to each corporate party, an officer who has such authority - have appeared personally  
11 at a settlement conference. The Court will discuss the proposed ADR procedure with the  
12 parties at the time of the Scheduling Conference and will issue the ADR-12 order once the  
13 settlement method is selected. For information about the Court's ADR Program, review  
14 [General Order 11-10](#), which is located on the "ADR" page of the Court's website.
- 15 o. Trial Estimate: A realistic estimate of the time required for trial and whether trial  
16 will be by jury or by the Court. Each side should specify (by number, not by name) how  
17 many witnesses it contemplates calling. If the time estimate for trial given in the Joint  
18 Rule 26(f) Report exceeds five (5) court days, counsel shall be prepared to discuss in  
19 detail the estimate.
- 20 p. Trial Counsel: The name(s) of the attorney(s) who will try the case, including those  
21 who will be lead trial counsel.
- 22 q. Independent Expert or Master: Whether this is a case in which the Court should  
23 consider appointing a Master pursuant to Rule 53 or an independent scientific expert.
- 24 r. Timetable: Please complete the Schedule of Pretrial and Trial Dates form attached  
25 as Schedule A to this Order (Exhibit C-1) and attach it to the Joint Rule 16(b)/26(f) Report.  
26 The entries in the "Weeks Before Trial" column reflect what the Court believes are  
27 appropriate for most cases and will allow the Court to rule on potentially dispositive  
28 motions sufficiently far in advance of the pretrial conference. The form is designed to

enable counsel to ask the Court to set different last dates by which the key requirements must be completed. Each side should fill in the month, day and year it requests for each event. *E.g.*, for the expert discovery cut-off it might be “10/7/16” for plaintiff and “10/28/16” for defendant, if they cannot agree. Each entry proposing a court date shall be on a Monday, except the trial date, which will be a Tuesday. Counsel should ensure that requested dates do not fall on a court holiday. At the conference, the Court will review this form with counsel in determining the dates that will be set in the case. The cut-off date for motions is the last date on which motions may be filed. The Court is not likely to continue this date. Counsel shall refer to the Court’s “Order on Court/Jury Trial.” See Exhibit D. This Order will set forth all pre-trial obligations of counsel, and, where applicable, the deadlines for each. Upon the Court’s final ruling on all motions, counsel will be directed to submit proposed dates for the Final Pretrial Conference and trial.

s. Other Issues: A statement of any other issues affecting the status or management of the case (*e.g.*, unusually complicated technical or technological issues, disputes over protective orders, extraordinarily voluminous document production, non-English speaking witnesses, ADA-related issues, discovery in foreign jurisdictions) and any proposals concerning severance, bifurcation or other ordering of proof.

t. Patent Cases: Propose dates and methodology for claim construction and Markman hearings. See also Exhibit B.

u. Whether the Parties Wish to Have a Magistrate Judge Preside: Under 28 U.S.C. § 636, the parties may consent to have a Magistrate Judge preside over an entire action, not just discovery. See [General Order 12-01](#) and [General Order 12-02](#). The parties may select a Magistrate Judge from the Voluntary Consent List and comply with the requirements outlined in [General Order 12-01](#) and [General Order 12-02](#) and those outlined on the Court’s website: <http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/judges-requirements/court-programs/voluntary-consent-list-civil-cases-magistrate-judges-program>.

## 2. Scheduling Conference

The Scheduling Conference will be held in Courtroom 10B of the First Street

1 Courthouse located at 350 W. First Street, Los Angeles, California. Counsel shall comply  
2 with the following with respect to the Scheduling Conference:

3 a. Participation: The lead trial attorney for each party shall attend the Scheduling  
4 Conference unless such counsel is engaged in trial, or has good cause following a request  
5 to the Clerk by either telephone or email in advance of the Scheduling Conference.

6 b. Continuance: A continuance of the Scheduling Conference will be granted only for  
7 good cause, following a written request with a proposed order to be e-filed at least one (1)  
8 week in advance of the Scheduling Conference.

9 c. Use of Conference Telephone: In general, the Court prefers in-person appearances.  
10 However, if one or more of the lead counsel has his or her office outside of Los Angeles  
11 County, or under other appropriate circumstances, the Court may, upon the request of  
12 one or more counsel, conduct the status conference by conference telephone call. Any  
13 request for a telephonic appearance must be made at least two (2) court days before  
14 the scheduled hearing by contacting the Courtroom Deputy Clerk for further instructions.  
15 The Court does not entertain a telephonic appearance if the Scheduling Conference is  
16 set at the same date and time as a motion unless it is an exceptional and unanticipated  
17 circumstance. Any request for a telephonic appearance at a motion hearing must be made  
18 in writing and e-filed at least seven (7) calendar days before the scheduled hearing and  
19 shall include a declaration from counsel setting forth the basis for the request with a  
20 proposed order. The Court does not use Court Call. If the request is granted, the order  
21 will include the information for the call. Please note that cell phones or the use of speaker  
22 phones are not permitted for any telephonic appearance.

23 **3. Protective Orders**

24 If you seek a protective order, please use your best efforts to propose it to opposing  
25 counsel before the Scheduling Conference. Protective orders are considered discovery  
26 and shall be prepared and submitted to the assigned Magistrate Judge.

27 **4. Notice to be Provided by Counsel**

28 Plaintiff's counsel or, if plaintiff is self-represented, defendant's counsel, shall serve

1 this Order on any parties who first appear after the date of this Order and to parties who  
2 are known to exist but have not yet entered appearances.

3 **5. Disclosures to Clients**

4 Counsel are ordered to deliver to their respective clients a copy of this Order and  
5 of the Court's Scheduling and Case Management Order, which will set forth the schedule  
6 that the Court establishes at the Scheduling Conference.

7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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9 Dated: August 13, 2025



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JOHN A. KRONSTADT  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EXHIBIT C-1

SCHEDULE A TO ORDER SETTING RULE 16(b)/26(f) SCHEDULING CONFERENCE:

SCHEDULE OF PRETRIAL AND TRIAL DATES FOR:

1. CIVIL CASES
2. PATENT CASES
3. ERISA CASES
4. TRIAL DATES FOR ALL CASES



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**EXHIBIT A – SCHEDULE OF PRETRIAL AND TRIAL DATES FOR CIVIL CASES**

Case No.:	
Case Name:	

Deadlines:	Plaintiff(s) Request	Defendant(s) Request	Court Order
<b>Last Date to Add Parties/Amend Pleadings</b>			
<b>Non-Expert Discovery Cut-Off</b>			
<b>Expert Disclosure (Initial)</b> <i>(2 weeks after non-expert discovery cut-off)</i>			
<b>Expert Disclosure (Rebuttal)</b> <i>(4 weeks after non-expert discovery cut-off)</i>			
<b>Expert Discovery Cut-Off</b> <i>(6 weeks after non-expert discovery cut-off)</i>			
<b>Last Date to File All Motions</b> (incl. discovery motions) <i>(6 weeks after non-expert discovery cut-off)</i>			
<b>Settlement Procedure Selection:</b> <i>(ADR-12 Form will be completed by Court after scheduling conference)</i>	<b>Plaintiff(s) Request</b>	<b>Defendant(s) Request</b>	<b>Court Order</b>
1. Magistrate Judge 2. Attorney Settlement Officer Panel 3. Outside ADR/Non-Judicial (Private)			
<b>Last day to conduct settlement conference or mediation</b>			
<b>Notice of Settlement / Joint Report re Settlement</b> <i>(First Friday following last day to conduct settlement conference or mediation)</i>			
<b>Post Mediation Status Conference</b> <i>(10 days after due date to file notice of settlement / joint report re settlement: Mondays at 1:30 pm)</i>			

**Note: If necessary, counsel will be invited to submit proposed dates with respect to the final pretrial conference and trial date upon the Court's final ruling on all motions. The trial estimate will be set at the final pretrial conference.**

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**EXHIBIT A – SCHEDULE OF PRETRIAL AND TRIAL DATES FOR PATENT CASES**

Case No.:				
Case Name:				

  

<b>Deadlines:</b>	<b>Weeks After Listed Event</b>	<b>Plaintiff(s) Request</b>	<b>Defendant(s) Request</b>	<b>Court Order</b>
Infringement Contentions (S.P.R. 2.1, 2.2)	2 (After Order Setting Scheduling Conference)			
Early Meeting of the Parties, Initial Disclosures (S.P.R. 2.3)	4 (After Order Setting Scheduling Conference)			
Joint Rule 26(f) Report (S.P.R. 2.3)	10 days (Before Scheduling Conference Date)			
Scheduling Conference (S.P.R. 2.4)	[set by Court]			
Last Date to Add Parties/Amend Pleadings				
Invalidity Contentions (S.P.R. 2.5, 2.6)	2 (After Scheduling Conference)			
Exchange of Claim Terms (S.P.R. 3.1)	4 (After Scheduling Conference)			
Exchange Proposed Constructions and Evidence (S.P.R. 3.2)	6 (After Scheduling Conference)			
Complete Claim Construction Discovery (S.P.R. 3.3)	10 (After Scheduling Conference)			
Joint Markman Prehearing Statement (S.P.R. 3.4)	11 (After Scheduling Conference)			
Simultaneous Opening Markman Briefs (S.P.R. 3.5)	12 (After Scheduling Conference)			

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1	Simultaneously	14 (After Scheduling			
2	Responding Markman	Conference)			
3	Briefs, Tutorials, and				
4	Presentation Materials				
5	(S.P.R. 3.5)				
6					
7	Markman Hearing	17 (After Scheduling			
8	(S.P.R. 3.6)	Conference)			
9					
10	Markman Decision	[set by Court]			
11					
12	Patentee Files	4 (After Markman			
13	Final Infringement	Decision)			
14	Contentions, Expert				
15	Reports on issues				
16	Where Patentee has				
17	Burden of Proof, All				
18	Parties File Advice of				
19	Counsel Disclosures				
20	(S.P.R. 4.1, 4.4)				
21					
22	Accused Infringer	8 (After Markman			
23	Files Final Invalidity	Decision)			
24	Contentions, Rebuttal				
25	Expert Reports, and				
26	Opening Expert				
27	Reports Where				
28	Accused Infringer has				
	Burden of Proof				
	(S.P.R. 4.2)				
	Patentee's Rebuttal	12 (After Markman			
	Expert Reports on	Decision)			
	Issues Where Accused				
	Infringer has Burden of				
	Proof				
	(S.P.R. 4.3)				
	Discovery Cut-Off	16 (After Markman			
	(S.P.R. 4.3)	Decision)			
	Last Date to File All	20 (After Markman			
	Motions	Decision)			
	(S.P.R. 4.5)				

**Note: If necessary, counsel will be invited to submit proposed dates with respect to the final pretrial conference and trial date upon the Court's final ruling on all motions. The trial estimate will be set at the final pretrial conference.**

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<b>Settlement Procedure Selection:</b> <i>(ADR-12 Form will be completed by Court after scheduling conference)</i>	<b>Plaintiff(s) Request</b>	<b>Defendant(s) Request</b>	<b>Court Order</b>
1. Magistrate Judge 2. Attorney Settlement Officer Panel 3. Outside ADR/Non-Judicial (Private)			
<b>Last day to conduct settlement conference or mediation</b>			
<b>Notice of Settlement / Joint Report re Settlement</b> <i>(First Friday following last day to conduct settlement conference or mediation)</i>			
<b>Post Mediation Status Conference</b> <i>(10 days after due date to file notice of settlement / joint report re settlement: Mondays at 1:30 pm)</i>			

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**EXHIBIT A – SCHEDULE OF PRETRIAL AND TRIAL DATES FOR ERISA CASES**

Case No.:			
Case Name:			
<b>Hearings:</b>	<b>Plaintiff(s) Request</b>	<b>Defendant(s) Request</b>	<b>Court Order</b>
<b>Last Date to Add Parties/Amend Pleadings:</b>			
<b>Simultaneous Opening Briefs:</b>			
<b>Simultaneous Responsive Briefs:</b>			
<b>Court Trial/Hearing on Administrative Record:</b> (Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.)			
<b>Duration Estimate: ____ Days / ____ Weeks</b>			
<b>Settlement Procedure Selection:</b> (ADR-12 Form will be completed by Court after scheduling conference)	<b>Plaintiff(s) Request</b>	<b>Defendant(s) Request</b>	<b>Court Order</b>
1. Magistrate Judge 2. Attorney Settlement Officer Panel 3. Outside ADR/Non-Judicial (Private)			
<b>Last day to conduct settlement conference or mediation</b>			
<b>Notice of Settlement / Joint Report re Settlement</b> (First Friday following last day to conduct settlement conference or mediation)			
<b>Post Mediation Status Conference</b> (10 days after due date to file notice of settlement / joint report re settlement: Mondays at 1:30 pm)			

**EXHIBIT A – SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR CIVIL JURY TRIALS (After Court has ruled on all motions)**

Case No.:	
Case Name:	

<b>Settlement Procedure Selection:</b>	<b>Plaintiff(s) Request</b>	<b>Defendant(s) Request</b>	<b>Court Order</b>
1. Magistrate Judge 2. Attorney Settlement Officer Panel 3. Outside ADR/Non-Judicial (Private)			
<b>Last day to conduct settlement conference or mediation</b> <i>(within 30 days of the Court's final ruling on all motions)</i>			
<b>Notice of Settlement / Joint Report re Settlement</b> <i>(1 week after last day to complete settlement)</i>			
<b>Pretrial and Jury Trial Dates:</b>	<b>Plaintiff(s) Request</b>	<b>Defendant(s) Request</b>	<b>Court Order</b>
<b>Last day to file all pretrial documents and motions in limine</b> <i>(2 weeks after last day to complete settlement)</i>			
<b>Last day to file response to motions in limine</b> <i>(3 weeks after last day to complete settlement)</i>			
<b>Final Pretrial Conference, Status Conference re Disputed Exhibits, and Hearing on Motions in Limine</b> <i>(4 weeks after last day to complete settlement: Monday at 1:30 pm)</i>			
<b>Jury Trial</b> <i>(6 weeks after last day to complete settlement: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.)</i>			
Duration Estimate: ____ Days / ____ Weeks			

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**EXHIBIT A – SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR CIVIL COURT TRIALS (After Court has ruled on all motions)**

Case No.:	
Case Name:	

Settlement Procedure Selection:	Plaintiff(s) Request	Defendant(s) Request	Court Order
1. Magistrate Judge 2. Attorney Settlement Officer Panel 3. Outside ADR/Non-Judicial (Private)			
<b>Last day to conduct settlement conference or mediation</b> (within 30 days of the Court's final ruling on all motions)			
<b>Notice of Settlement / Joint Report re Settlement</b> (1 week after last day to complete settlement)			
Pretrial and Jury Trial Dates:	Plaintiff(s) Request	Defendant(s) Request	Court Order
<b>Last day to file all pretrial documents and direct testimony declarations</b> (2 weeks after last day to complete settlement)			
<b>Last day to file objections to direct testimony declarations</b> (3 weeks after last day to complete settlement)			
<b>Anticipated ruling on direct testimony declarations</b> (4 weeks after last day to complete settlement)			
<b>Final Pretrial Conference and Status Conference re Disputed Exhibits</b> (4 weeks after last day to complete settlement: Monday at 1:30 pm)			
<b>Court Trial</b> (6 weeks after last day to complete settlement: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.)			
Duration Estimate: ____ Days / ____ Weeks			